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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,152,133
AB United States Patent No. 5,471,979
AC United States Patent No. 5,360,002
AD United States Patent No. 4,627,431
AE United States Patent No. 4,285,699
AL United Kingdom Application 2 376 185
AM United Kingdom Application 1 485 458
AN United Kingdom Application 511 055
AO French Patent 2 150 024
AP European Application 0 238 463
AT U. S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0002976
AU Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 017, No. 693 (C1144) for
Japanese Application 5-236936

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA and AB were identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

References AC, AE, AM, AP, AT and AU were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office during examination of the counterpart Swedish application. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith. Since all of those references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

References AB, AD, AL, AN and AO were cited in a Search Report from the European Patent Office rendered in connection with the counterpart European Application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith. All of those references are in English, with the exception of Reference AO, for which a translation is not readily available to the Applicant.

Reference AO discloses a breathing assist apparatus having a carbon dioxide separation device formed by a semi-permeable membrane disposed in a portion of the wall of a breathing circuit, the semi-permeable membrane being permeable for carbon dioxide.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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